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## **KDOL Staff Honored for Excellence**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) announces the recipients of their Employee Recognition and Award Program. This program is designed to recognize individual's efforts that epitomize excellence. The success as an agency depends on each and every employee providing premier service, working in a team environment, producing results with cost control in mind, creativity and innovation. KDOL rewards employees who embrace these ideals as their own, taking them to the highest personal level possible in job performance.

This quarter's Employee of the Quarter is Jennifer Garrett, UI Research and Information Unit, BAM, Data Validation and TPS Supervisor in the Labor Market Information Services. Jennifer is recognized for going above and beyond the depths of her actual position. Her exemplary work ethics have helped the agency meet and exceed several of its goals and performance measures. Jennifer has become a resource to her staff, who feel very comfortable about approaching her for direction and guidance.

Sharlie Staab, Safety Specialist, Industrial Safety and Health Division (ISH) received the Distinguished Accomplishments Award. Sharlie recently achieved the designation of Associate Safety Professional (ASP). According to the Board of Certified Safety Professionals website there are only five people in the state of Kansas with the ASP designation. This designation is a benefit to the State of Kansas employers knowing the person checking their facilities for safety hazards has the education, experience and knowledge to conduct that inspection.

Cassie Sparks, Public Information Officer, received the Meritorious Award. Her work ethic and attitude are exactly what KDOL wants from its employees. Cassie recently assisted the Kansas Department of Emergency Management in Oklahoma City for two weeks on behalf of KDOL as a Public Information Officer. Her outlook, knowledge and willingness to lend a hand is why she was unanimously chosen for the Meritorious Award.

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